

they are, it would be a relatively recent thing in some situations. The example that I tried to give was a brand new school that they opened and they had not library books in it. This is the kind of thing that generally occurs. But as Senator Stahmer pointed out our children, the further they go through the system, the less educated they become. When they graduate from high school some of them can not read and it is not because of stupidity or lack of capability, it is the lack of educational opportunity and inadequate teachers.

SENATOR CARSTENS: Well I ask this question legitimately because we have a daughter who was a teacher in an all black school in another state, and there was a total lack of teaching material, books and everything of that nature and a...a.. in that school and I ask this question to find out if this was also prevalent in the Omaha school district. I'm not saying that it is, I didn't mean to imply anything, I'm just curious.

SPEAKER: Senator Syas do you wish to close. Senator Syas is closing.

SENATOR SYAS: Mr. President I'll be brief in closing because it is afternoon and the reason is I didn't go on and on with this bill is because it has been here before and in some form or other and it is almost identical. I think that the Senators here have heard the arguments inside, outside and I have had shorts and everything else. I just wish to pick up a few loose ends. I think that Mr. Blackenship is from south Omaha and a...a..when Senator Carpenter says that no one from south Omaha. Now any of you that favor district elections for school boards, OK, but do it to yourself also. Don't do unto me something that you are unwilling to do to yourself. WE have a bill in here one large school district that still does it by caucus. Caucus is not fair, and even in your smaller school districts because there are a lot of people that will not attend the meetings, town hall meetings, but would attend electing by ballot. So I think that we should be consistent on this whole thing and make it state wide one way or the other. Right now the way it is we have a mulligan soup the way we handle school boards. Now Senator Stahmer I did not I do not refuse but I have to work for a living, something you do not, you have the time and I do not.

SPEAKER: Senator I think that is a personal remark. Lets leave those out of the discussion.

SENATOR SYAS: Well he was the one that brought it up. To Senator Mahoney creatures of the legislature is a school board, school district, the constitution says that legislature shall provide for the education of all of the children in the common schools between the ages of 5 and 21. That is true. But we also created the cities, the power districts, MUD, conservation districts and I could go on and on. In other words what I am showing is that that is just not the only thing. Now when it comes familiar with names Roosevelt lost his own precinct in a presidential election. He was certainly well known in his own precinct probably too well known, so it can work both ways. In New York, Senator Nore is comparing water-melons with potatoes. New York has several million around 10 million I think. You are comparing that with a school district that probably has 250,000 people. I think that is a very poor comparison. I think that if you are not...if you kill this bill or if you don't kill it either way, I hope that you kill it but if you let this bill live, I want you to look into your own hearts and introduce a bill that you will be